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Sorry I could not attend yesterday's workshop on the Plan Overview.
Here are a few comments on the Plan Overview Draft.

1) Under key findings, I think it is important to have some findings on the financial, legal authority, and expertise resources available to help us improve water provision in California. Here are a couple of tentative suggestions:

a) Most water management resources, in financial terms as well as legal authority and considerable expertise, are found within local and regional agencies, and not necessarily in State or Federal government agencies.

b) The universities of California have considerable expertise which can offer high quality and stakeholder-neutral insights and technologies for managing California water. [OK, so this last one is a little self-serving, but perhaps worth considering.]

2) Under Key Recommendations,

a) I would move the begging for \$1 billion/year each from the State and Feds further down the list, perhaps #6. Due to their financial situations, it just seems not credible at #1 and lowers the credibility of the later recommendations.

b) Indian Tribes at #7. While I have great respect for tribal concerns, their relatively small stake in California water, by any measure, does not seem to merit such a high ranking.

c) I suggest rewording #12 and #13 a little so they begin as "DWR should work with local and regional agencies, interests, and expertise to ..."

d) #12 and #13 it seems, should also be ranked somewhat higher, but not as high as the #1 spot.

3) P. 9 needs to go from bullets to paragraphs.

Best wishes and Happy New Year!
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